GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8051
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ACTION PLANT FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE AND NON VIOLENT WORLD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken cognizance of the Action Plan for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free and Non-Violent World Order submitted by the Government of India to the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament in 1988:

(b) if so, whether the present Government subscribes to the Action Plan;

(c) if not, whether the Government have prepared any alternative plan for the time-bound elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in discussions with US authorities and other nuclear weapon powers, the Government have sought to link the matter of the comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (and other measures of disarmament-cum-non-proliferation, such as the proposed Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty) with the question of the time bound elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) In bilateral discussions with the US and other nuclear weapon powers, Government have explored ways and means to advance nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation consistent with India`s security interests while emphasising India`s undiluted commitment to global nuclear disarmament.